

Midwestern Regional News

Bev adds zest to Winter Games

Beverly Merritt's "take charge" ability is tops, according to the Lake Superior Council of the Boy Scouts of America. The organization presented K mart 3190's millinery manager with its award for chairing the 1977 National Explorer Winter Games held at Spirit Mountain in Duluth, MN.

Bev has acted as chairman of the event for two years, and she will be at the helm of the 1978 activities as well. Says the active sports-woman, "We have turned our National Winter Games into a real K mart project. With over 500 young people expected in 1978, we will have a full year's work ahead of us. But I know with all the fine, capable and dedicated help available we will have the biggest and best games ever!"

Her enthusiasm is shared by members of the 1978 committee, who are all 3190 employees. They will coordinate all events and lodging for the young men and women meeting in Duluth to compete in skiing slalom and giant slalom, snowshoeing, snowmobiling and dog sled racing. The contestants stay at the Radisson Hotel in Duluth and will be entertained at two pool parties. The three days of sporting competitions will be crowned by an awards banquet at which trophies are presented to all winners.

Beverly brings to the winter extravaganza considerable professional experience as a snowmobile racer who has trained over two thousand boys and girls in snowmobile safety. She is also the first female executive board member of the Lake Superior Council of Boy Scouts of America. The Explorer



Bev, in the center, is flanked by her 1977 Winter Games staff.

Scouts are one huge division of the national program.

Already, Beverly's committee has divided their responsibilities for next year's events. David Lehner, sporting goods manager, oversees transportation and general committee work. Carolyn Allen, service desk, chairs the dog sled demonstrations and races. She and her husband Bob are professional sled dog trainers and racers. Marc Grubelis, 3190's security manager, brings his expertise to the Radisson Hotel, where he will keep an alert eye on safety measures and report any accidents. Automotive staffer Wanda Summerall and her husband Chris will handle the awards banquet, decorations and pool parties, and Pat Sweeney, manager of ladies apparel, will work on the general committee and take charge of the snowshoe races. Bob Pristasch, camera and jewelry manager, will be responsible for all public relations and photographic duties.

With such advance planning, it wouldn't be surprising if Bev and her team come by another award for 1978.

K mart helpers laud their Libby

It means a great deal to Jane Hart, Carol Long and Teresa Rose to have an understanding personnel manager. Their appreciation of Libby Rosewitz of K mart 4473, Tulsa, OK, was obvious in the essay the trio jointly wrote for a contest at Union High School which the girls attend.

A District Award for Outstanding C.V.E. Employer was presented to Libby at the school's banquet. It read, in part, as follows: "Our boss is a very sweet person who has everyone's best interests at heart. She is an outstanding boss, always stands behind you with customers, and is more than just a boss, she's a friend. She does her best to help with time off when you need it. If you have a problem, she'll help you work it out. If you need someone to relieve you for a break and can't get anyone, Libby will. She's a nice person and a wonderful boss."



K mart 2234's baseball team chose for part of their uniforms Farnell Fawcett T-shirts. Baseball in Tulsa, OK will never be the same again!

Employees give their attention to miscellaneous projects

To raise money for the Cerebral Palsy Telethon sponsored in Menominee, MI, 7039's staff came up with an oatmeal throw for money. Similar to the traditional sponge-throwing activity, the game pitted some good sports against some aggressive ones.

Gayle Johnson, ladies apparel at K mart 5033, Emporia, KS, was selected the K mart Apparel Employee of the Month recently. She is the first individual to receive the award in Kansas, as well as the first staffer in a 9000 store in the region to win.

At a recent Friday morning meeting, about half of the staff at K mart 4331 was killed off in a make-believe tornado on the premises of the Rochester, MN store. After the surprise wore off, Lynn Thompson,



Libby shows her certificate for the "Best Boss."

security officer, gave instructions to follow in case the real thing occurred with customers in the store.

Catherine Nawacki and Rachel Kinney fully planned to pay for their pizza, but a robbery at a Cudahy, WI Pizza Hut restaurant prevented them from doing so.

While the two staffers from K mart 4326 were waiting for the waitress to bring them their bill, they noticed two policemen outside the building and remarked that it would be funny to have Pizza Hut robbed.

Little did they know that the officers were on hand for exactly that reason: a robbery on the property. Soon after, the officers came inside, told both girls to leave and not touch a thing. Catherine and Rachel later learned that the two men who were suspected in the Pizza Hut incident were involved in a shootout at still another robbery location.

As K mart 7016's camera manager, Harold Cornett has had some interesting experiences. His knowledge and expertise have grown considerably since the Jefferson City, MO store opened in 1972. Two people in particular think highly of Harold, and send him orders for film processing all the way from Alaska!

Two years ago, Earl Gardner and his wife purchased a movie projector from Harold. Earl and Verne since moved to Kiana, Alaska where they are missionaries with the Eskimos. But they continued to send requests for film and other products directly to Harold, and Earl Gardner trusts him so much that he simply mails a blank check in the envelope.



Judy joins with Linda.

Phony act fools no one: duo gets gonged

Office Manager Judy Johnson had never taken organ lessons. Personnel Manager Judy Chanez had no experience on the saxophone. Unfortunately, their lack of skill on both instruments was very apparent when the two teamed up for a musical act during a gong show at K mart 4426, Bettendorf, IA. They scored a two out of 10, which is as much of an insult as an audience can offer.